

Miss S. A. Adams

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Rev. H. K. Phelps,

Dear Sir,

Permit me to address you as my spiritual father, and again beg a favor if it is consistent with other, and superior claims on your time and strength. I am confident that an apology is due. but I trust, I shall be pardoned for this intrusion, feeling assured that you delight in doing good to all; that your sympathies extend not only to your beloved church and society, and the wide field of usefulness open before you in the city; but as far as the ravages of sin.

With this feeling I present you the orphans claim and as an unworthy lamb of your former flock, make my request.

When I had the pleasure of visiting you a few weeks since you enquired if I would like a school in Provincetown? I replied, that for many reasons I did not think of again teaching a common school. Not that I am unwilling to condescend to teach little children, or those very ignorant; for I am never more happy than when communicating instruction in any form, and the place is of little consequence, if I have evidence I am where my heavenly father would have me be. But when I reflect on the length of time I have passed in acquiring an education (be it as superficial as it may) for a different sphere of usefulness if it is the Lords will; and the many young ladies whose attainments are only sufficient for the primary school and who most earnestly desire it; I feel unwilling to deprive them the luxury of doing good.

I am acquainted with a young lady amply qualified for that place, and if they have not secured a teacher, would most cheerfully go. She has taught a greater part of the last three years in the centre of our town. She is about twenty three years of age - sustains an unblemished moral and religious character - has been a professor of religion eight years, and deeply interested in all our benevolent societies, & is her class of young ladies in the S. School and a decided -



congregationalists as you observed this last trait would be an essential characteristic of their teachers I would refer you to our beloved Pastor for further information.

If it would not give you too much trouble to ascertain if the good people in P. are supplied with a teacher, you will confer a great favor.

Please remember me affectionately to Mrs. Phelps, your dear mother and family. When you commend your own beloved Church to God in prayer, will you not sometimes remember us in it. I close with the ardent desire that you may at last receive the reward of those who turn many to righteousness and shine as the stars forever and ever in the Kingdom of our God.

From your unworthy friend in Christ,

S. H. Adams.